

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-10, 19, 20, 23, 24, and 37-41 are currently pending in the present application, with Claim 13-18, 21, 22, 25-27, 30, 33-36, 42, and 43 being canceled in this Amendment. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected Claims 13-18, 21-22, 25-27, 30, and 33-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toriumi (U.S. patent no. 6,062,868) in view of Hasegawa (U.S. patent no. 6,570,080). This rejection is moot with respect to the canceled claims.

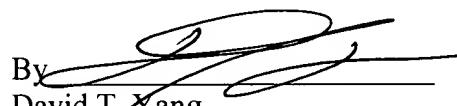
With respect to Claims 37-41, Applicants note that these claims are dependent from Claim 1, which has been indicated by the Examiner as in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 37-41 should also be in condition for allowance; it is believed that a mistake may have been made in this instant rejection with respect to Claims 37-41.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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